

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 4-8; and add claims 9-20 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image display device, comprising:
 - a display device which displays an image on the basis of image data and which switches from display of one image to display of another image, the display device being structured such that an image displayed thereon can be confirmed regardless of the existence of auxiliary light;
 - an auxiliary lamp which illuminates auxiliary light onto the display device;
 - a designating device for designating switching of an image; and
 - a control device for, in a case in which the designating device designates (switching of an image), turning off the auxiliary lamp and controlling the display device such that a displayed image is switched to another image which is then displayed and turning on the auxiliary lamp, and in a case in which the designating device does not further designate switching of an the image even after a predetermined amount of time has elapsed from the time an the image was switched to or from the time the auxiliary lamp was lit, the control device turns off the auxiliary lamp.

2. (Currently amended) An The image display device according to claim 1, further comprising:

setting means for setting the predetermined amount of time.

3. (Currently amended) An The image display device according to claim 2, wherein the setting means can set the predetermined amount of time to be zero.

4. (Currently amended) An The image display device according to claim 1, wherein in a the case in which the designating device designates switching of an image, the control device turns the auxiliary lamp on when the image to be switched to can be displayed on the display device.

5. (Currently amended) An The image display device according to claim 1, wherein said display device includes:

an image display portion which displays an image;

a light guiding path which guides auxiliary light from the auxiliary lamp to the image display portion; and

a semi-transparent film which is disposed between the image display portion and the light guiding path, and which reflects a portion of the light which is incident through the image display portion.

6. (Currently amended) An The image display device according to claim 1, wherein said display device includes:

an image display portion which displays an image;

a light guiding path which guides auxiliary light from the auxiliary lamp to the image display portion; and

a light intake means which is connected to the light guiding path, takes in exterior light, and guides the taken-in light to the light guiding path.

7. (Currently amended) An image display method for an image display device ~~comprising:~~, wherein the display device comprises

a display device which displays an image on the basis of image data and which switches from display of one image to display of another image, the display device being structured such that an image displayed thereon can be confirmed regardless of the existence of auxiliary light,

an auxiliary lamp which illuminates auxiliary light onto the display device, and

a designating device for designating switching of an image, said image display method comprising the steps of:

~~in a case in which the designating device designates switching of an image, turning off the auxiliary lamp and controlling the display device such that a displayed image is switched to another image which is then displayed, and turning on~~

the auxiliary lamp in a case in which the designating device designates switching of an image; and

in a case in which the designating device does not further designate switching of an image even after a predetermined amount of time has elapsed from the time an image was switched to or from the time the auxiliary lamp was lit, turning off the auxiliary lamp in a case in which the designating device does not further designate switching of the image even after a predetermined amount of time has elapsed from the time the image was switched to or from the time the auxiliary lamp was lit.

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8. (Currently amended) A digital camera, having a comprising: photographing means for photographing a subject; and an image display device for displaying an image on the basis of image data obtained by photographing the subject by the photographing means, wherein the image display device ~~is the image display device of claim 1 comprising~~ comprises:

a display which displays an image on the basis of image data and which switches from display of one image to display of another image, the display being structured such that an image displayed thereon can be confirmed regardless of the existence of auxiliary light;

an auxiliary lamp which illuminates auxiliary light onto the display;

a designating device for designating switching of an image; and

a control device for, in a case in which the designating device designates switching of an image, turning off the auxiliary lamp and controlling the display such that a displayed image is switched to another image which is then displayed and turning on the auxiliary lamp, and in a case in which the designating device does not further designate switching of the image even after a predetermined amount of time has elapsed from the time the image was switched to or from the time the auxiliary lamp was lit, the control device turns off the auxiliary lamp.

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9. (New) The digital camera according to claim 8, further comprising:

setting means for setting the predetermined amount of time.

10. (New) The digital camera according to claim 9, wherein the setting means can set the predetermined amount of time to be zero.

11. (New) The digital camera according to claim 8, wherein in a case in which the designating device designates switching of an image, the control device turns the auxiliary lamp on when the image to be switched to can be displayed on the display.

12. (New) The digital camera according to claim 8, wherein said display includes:

an image display portion which displays an image;

a light guiding path which guides auxiliary light from the auxiliary lamp to the image display portion; and

a semi-transparent film which is disposed between the image display portion and the light guiding path, and which reflects a portion of the light which is incident through the image display portion.

13. (New) The digital camera according to claim 8, wherein said display includes:

an image display portion which displays an image;

a light guiding path which guides auxiliary light from the auxiliary lamp to the image display portion; and

a light intake means which is connected to the light guiding path, takes in exterior light, and guides the taken-in light to the light guiding path.

14. (New) An image display device, comprising:

a control device structured to control functionalities of the image display device;

a display structured to display a first image based on instructions from the control device;

an auxiliary lamp structured to illuminate auxiliary light onto the display based on instructions from the control device; and

a designating device structured to designate switching of image from the first image to a second image on the display, wherein

in case the designating device designates switching, the control device turns off the auxiliary lamp prior to the switching between the first and second images and turns on the auxiliary lamp after the switching, and

in case the designating device does not designate switching, the control device turns off the auxiliary lamp after a predetermined time has elapsed from a previous switching or from the time the auxiliary lamp was lit.

15. (New) The image display device according to claim 14, wherein the display is structured to display the image regardless of the existence of auxiliary light.

16. (New) The image display device according to claim 15, wherein the display comprises:

a liquid crystal cell on an exterior of the display;
a semi-transparent film adjacent to a back surface of the liquid crystal cell; and

a light guiding path structured to guide the auxiliary light from the auxiliary lamp through the semi-transparent film to the liquid crystal cell.

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17. (New) The image display device according to claim 16, wherein the semi-transparent film is structured to reflect at least a portion of light incident on a front surface of the liquid crystal cell and is structured to transmit at least a portion of the auxiliary light.

18. (New) The image display device according to claim 16, further comprising a light intake window structured to allow ambient light into the image display device to be guided by the light guiding path, wherein the semi-transparent film is structured to transmit at least a portion of the auxiliary light and at least a portion of the ambient light.

19. (New) The image display device according to claim 14, further comprising:

setting means for setting the predetermined amount of time.

20. (New) The image display device according to claim 19, wherein the setting means can set the predetermined amount of time to be zero.